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## PRESS RELEASE

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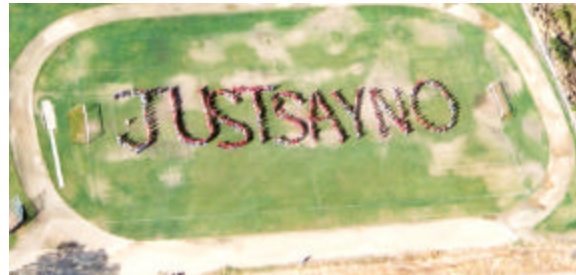
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### **SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:**

The Placer County Sheriff's Department celebrated Red Ribbon Week with thousands of local school students Wednesday.

Red Ribbon Week is celebrated nationwide each October to educate youth on the dangers of alcohol, drugs and tobacco. More than 20,000 red ribbons were distributed by the Placer County Sheriff's Department to local schools last week.



To highlight Red Ribbon Week, eight participating schools stood in formation on their athletic fields to display an anti-drug message. The crew aboard the sheriff's helicopter, Eagle One, captured the gatherings on film.

At Colfax Elementary School, Principal Gail Garbolino came up with the "Just Say No" slogan, and asked all students to dress in red on Wednesday. The student council organized the message layout, according to Debbie Collier, student council advisor.

"Everyone thought this was a great experience," she said. "Students, staff and parents all had positive feedback and we look forward to participating next year."

Rock Creek Elementary School assembled 340 students to create a giant, looping red ribbon. Following the flyover, Principal Tom Walters led the group in this anti-drug pledge: "I pledge to avoid drugs, tobacco and alcohol. I pledge to lead a healthy life."

School secretary Kelly Loveall said: "We've done this in past years and we enjoy it each time."

Other participating schools included Alta-Dutch Flat School, Dry Creek Elementary, H. Clarke Powers Elementary, Newcastle School, Ophir School and Penryn School.

COURTESY PHOTO CUTLINE: Nearly 500 students from Colfax Elementary School stated their anti-drug message in a big way Wednesday. Their efforts were captured from above by the crew aboard the Placer County Sheriff's Department helicopter, Eagle One. Seven other schools took part in the flyover.

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